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(54) FLORIBUNDA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WEKWIBYSICPEP'

- (50) Latin Name: *Rosa hybrida*Varietal Denomination: **WEKwibysicpep**
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(57) ABSTRACT

A new variety of Floribunda rose suitable for garden decoration, having flowers of lavender with a magenta heart coloration.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Classification: The present invention relates to a new Rosa hybrida plant.

Variety denomination: The new plant has the varietal denomination 'WEKwibysicpep'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a new and distinct variety of Floribunda Rose. It has a non-disseminated seedling of my creation as its seed parent with the following genetic origin [10] [[International Herald Tribunex*Rosa soulieana derivative)*x(Sweet Chariot*Blue Nile)]*x[Blueberry Hill*Stephen's Big Purple] and a non-disseminated seedling of my creation as its pollen parent with the following genetic origin (Crystallinex*Perfume Perfection).

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the features which distinguish the new variety from other presently available and commercial rose cultivars known to the inventor are the following combinations of characteristics: its high degree of resistance to powdery mildew, downy mildew and rust, its strong grapefruit and fruity fragrance with hints of spices and its unique lavender with a magenta heart flower coloration. The plant has a 25 rounded bushy moderately spreading growing habit, suitable for outdoor garden decoration.

Asexual reproduction of the new variety by budding as performed in Kern County and Pomona, Calif., shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding asexual propagations. 'WEKwibysicpep' may be

asexually propagated by cuttings, budding and grafting. The budding and grafting successfully occurred on the plant/rootstock *Rosa hybrida* cv. 'Dr. Huey' (not patented).

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COMPARISON WITH PARENTS

The new rose may be distinguished from its seed parent, a non-disseminated seedling of my creation by the following combination of characteristics: whereas 'WEKwibysicpep' bears very double flowers (about 29 to 65 petals) of lavender with a magenta heart coloration, the non-disseminated seedling bears double flowers of red-purple with a lavender eye coloration with significantly lesser petalage (about 25 to 38 petals). The new variety has a strong grapefruit and fruity fragrance with hints of spices, whereas the seed parent has

The new variety may be distinguished from its pollen parent, a non-disseminated seedling of my creation by the following combination of characteristics: whereas 'WEKwibysicpep' bears very double flowers (about 29 to 65 petals) of lavender with a magenta heart coloration, the non-disseminated seedling bears double flowers of lavender coloration with significantly lesser petalage (about 22 to 32 petals). The new variety has a rounded bushy moderately spreading medium height growing habit (about 120 to about 160 cm. in height), whereas the pollen parent has an upright significantly taller growing habit (about 160 to about 180 cm. in height).

COMPARISON WITH THE CLOSEST COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE CULTIVAR

The new variety may be distinguished from its closest commercially available cultivar, 'JACshok' (U.S. Plant Pat.